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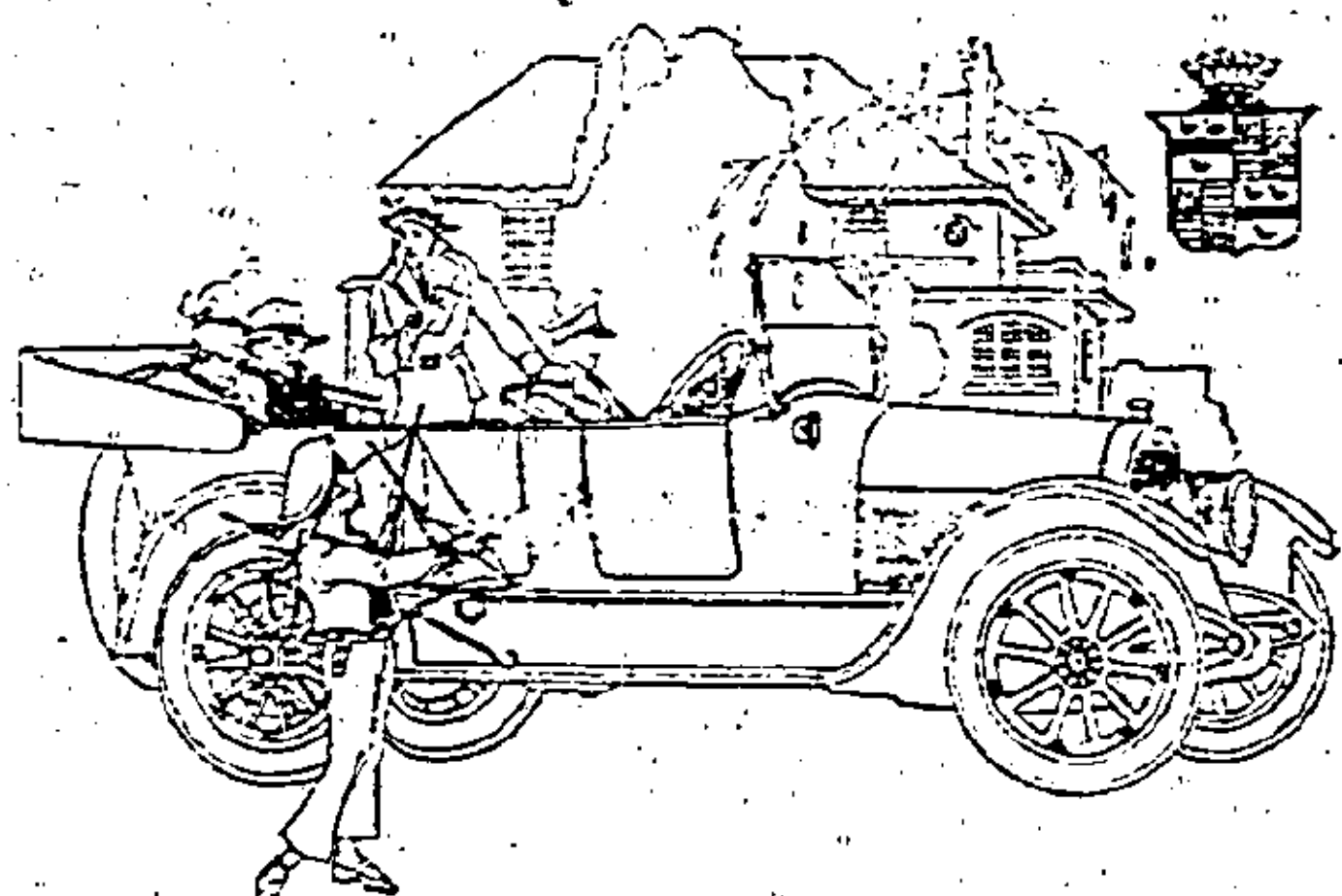
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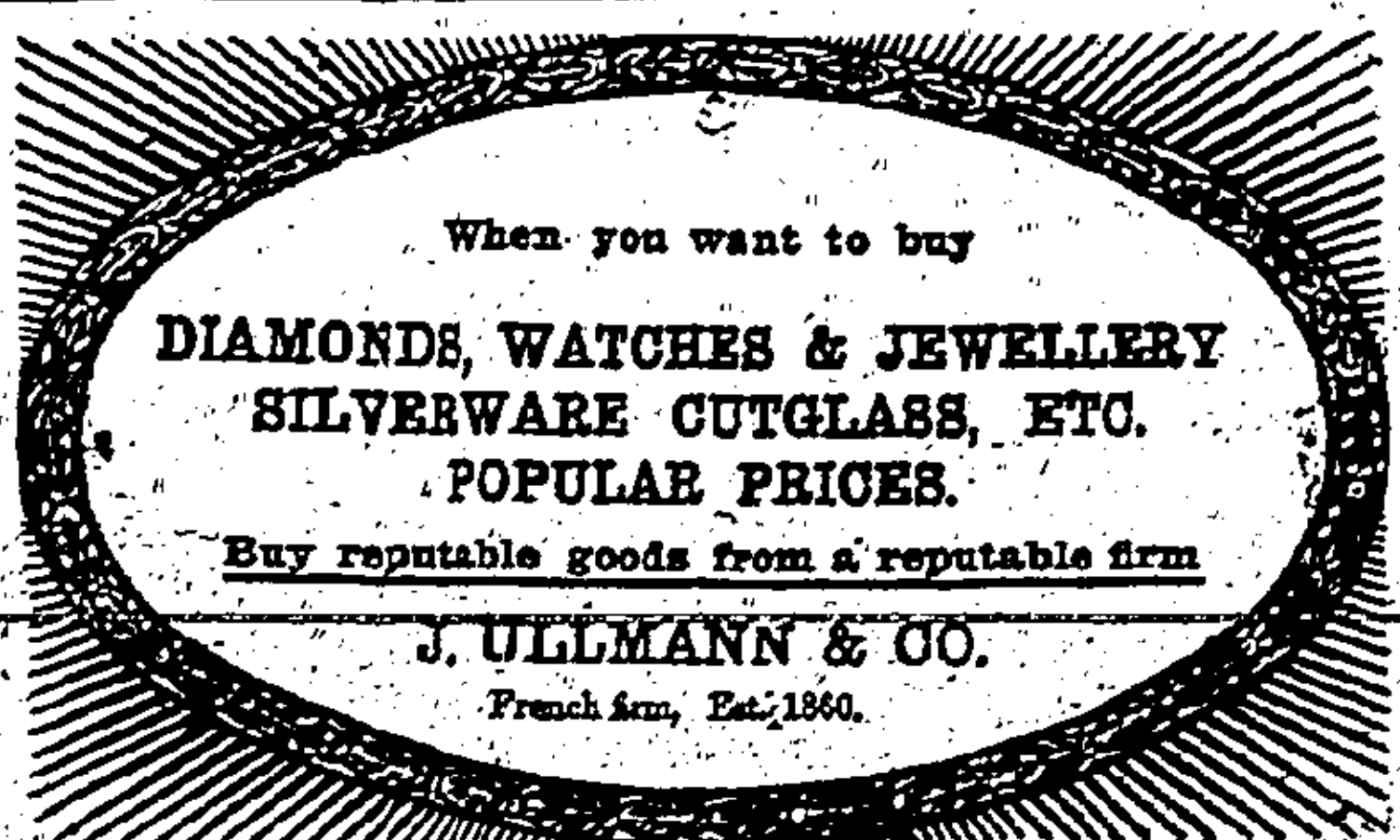
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

PARIS CONFERENCE

ALLEVIATION OF AUSTRIA'S FLIGHT CONSIDERED.

DISARMAMENT DECISION.

PARIS, January 25.

The conference this morning considered proposals as regards financing Austrian trade and rehabilitating the country. It was decided that the Austrian question was intimately bound up in the economic condition of Central Europe. Therefore the question was referred to the ministers of commerce of Britain, France, Italy, and Belgium for inquiry, especially how to stabilize exchange. Military experts have reached complete accord on the question of disarmament.

NO SERIOUS DIFFERENCES OF OPINION.

PARIS, January 25.

It is understood that there is no reason to fear a serious divergence in British and French opinion as regards disarmament. The question on which British and French military experts do not agree is simply the extent of the arms still in the possession of Germany in contravention to the Treaty. The principal difference as regards disarmament is that the British believe that this can be made effectual equally safely a few weeks later than the French think. It is believed that the longest period suggested to carry out all measures does not extend beyond June.

EASTERN QUESTIONS.

PARIS, January 25.

The inter-Allied Conference has decided that an Allied conference in which Greek and Turkish representatives shall participate will shortly assemble in London with a view to reaching a settlement of east tern questions.

WHY THE DECISION WAS REACHED.

PARIS, January 25.

The decision to hold the Near East conference in London was reached after taking into consideration recent events in Greece and Turkey, notably Constantine's return, the development of the Kemalist movement, the possibility of a union between the Turkish Nationalists and the Bolsheviks, and the recent Greek military failures in Asia Minor. Lord Curzon mooted the idea and M. Briand eagerly supported it. The conference will probably be held on February 21. The Constantinople Government will be free to consult the Mustafa Kemal Government with a view to the composition of the joint Ottoman delegation.

WORLD'S SHIPBUILDING

ANNUAL SUMMARY SHOWS SHARP FALL IN PRODUCTION.

JAPAN'S REMARKABLE STRIDES.

LONDON, January 25.

Lloyd's Register has issued its annual summary of the world's mercantile shipbuilding which includes only vessels over 100 tons. It shows that the world's production has fallen sharply from 7,144,000 tons in 1919 to 5,861,000 tons in 1920. The latter figure, however, is still an increase of 2,500,000 tons over 1913, which held the pre-war record. The report discloses the remarkable strides made by Japan, whose total output was 456,642 tons, nearly equalling the whole output a decade before the war. The countries with the largest outputs were the United States, Japan, Holland and Canada, totalling 3,275,595 tons comprising 86 per cent. of the total output abroad. The total tonnage launched in the Dominions in 1920 was 203,644, or 155,000 less than in 1919.

JAPANESE IN CALIFORNIA.

DISCUSSION OF RIGHTS SUCCESSFULLY TERMINATED.

WASHINGTON, January 25.

It is announced here that negotiations between Mr. Shidehara and Mr. Roland Morris regarding the Californian anti-alien land legislation for a definition of the rights of Japanese in the United States have been successfully terminated subject to the approval of their respective governments. Mr. Shidehara has submitted his report to the Foreign Office at Tokyo and Mr. Morris has his ready for the consideration of Mr. Colby who is expected at Washington from South America on January 27.

TRADE DEPRESSION.

INDUSTRIES IN WALES AND AYRSHIRE REVIVE.

LONDON, January 25.

The succession of announcements of works closing down or going on short time has been pleasantly broken by information that some of the Welsh tinplate works are reopening, while the lace factories in Ayrshire which were working on short time for six months have now resumed full running.

Mr. Houlder, presiding at the annual meeting of the Houlder Line, believed that when the present depression was over we might expect some little rebound which would enable business to be resumed and developed with a moderate margin of profit.

MINERS' CONFERENCE.

REMOVAL OF COAL ANOMALIES URGED.

LONDON, January 25.

The International Miners' Conference, now concluded, passed a resolution noting the statement of the German delegates that stocks of 900,000 tons of coal in the Ruhr region and 300,000 tons in Upper Silesia are at present accumulated and could be distributed inland in compliance with the Spa agreement if the transport was available, also noting that there are accumulations of coal in most mining countries and urging that such anomalies should not be allowed to hinder the improvement of transport and the stabilisation of exchange.

COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, January 25.

Mr. Davis announces that the Communications Conference will be resumed in the near future.

THE DOLLAR.

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THE HASLEWOOD CASE.

OFFICIAL SUPPRESSION OF
OPINION.

As age advances, memory begins to play unexpected tricks. The China Mail was not, as we thought yesterday it was, the first to deal with the bullying of Lieut.-Comdr. Haslewood by the local Government. It was handled, and exceedingly well handled, in the following notes in the Daily Press, to which our attention has just been called.

A few weeks ago, it will be remembered, there was a recrudescence of the agitation against "Chinese slavery." Letters and interviews appeared in the papers, and the question was discussed from many points of view. I was not particularly interested at the time, because most of the arguments were familiar and I knew that the result would be nil. I am, however, particularly interested in free discussion, with a fair field and no favour. I do not, and never shall be able to, repose full confidence in those placed in authority over us so long as their guiding principle in government appears to be to quash, by any means at their disposal, any comment or criticism upon any subject likely to cause trouble or difficulty. "Give peace in my department in my time, O Lord," is a prayer which doubtless many conscientious and hard-working officials utter whilst on their way to the office, and it probably goes up to heaven with greater fervency than usual when changes are anticipated and new tasks have to be undertaken. In one sense the aspiration is pious enough. It becomes impious, however, when it predisposes one to shut one's eyes to abuses, or when the suppliant makes up his mind to invoke the powers of the devil in order that his ambition may be gratified at any cost.

The lady who was responsible for the most recent outcry against the Chinese custom of buying and selling children may or may not have been ill-advised. I do not, at the moment, wish to enter into a discussion of the merits or demerits of the case. I do know, however, that she was thoroughly sincere and was willing to spend a considerable amount of her own money to help to sweep away a practice which she regarded as a disgrace to a British Colony. Her arguments might have been met fairly and openly, but were they? Her activities were calculated, it seems, to cause annoyances and disturbances, and I should very much like to know the means adopted to bring them to an end. Later on, my wish may be gratified.

In this case there was no question of an ill-advised discussion in public tending towards the creation of racial animosity. Some of the more enlightened Chinese themselves are not proud of the fact that the conditions under which hundreds of thousands of their own people are forced to live, lead to the bartering of children by their parents. Why, then, should indirect pressure be brought to bear upon anyone who, rightly or wrongly, imagines that good can be done by ventilating the subject? The lady to whom I have referred was not a fanatic; she was merely humane. She knew that improvements could only be brought about by slow processes, and she endeavoured to enlist the sympathies of certain influential members of both Houses of Parliament, hoping, through them, to secure, as a first step, the registration of all "adopted" servants. Now questions in Parliament are generally regarded by permanent officials as quite unnecessary, very unpleasant, and almost impertinent. Was any pressure brought to bear on the lady's husband, who holds an official position, to induce his wife to leave things alone? I have a shrewd suspicion on the point and it makes me very indignant. The thought that such abominable misuses of power sometimes do occur breeds distrust, and that distrust makes impossible the full measure of sympathy between "the man in the street" and the bureaucracy that is essential to the coming of the millennium.

The delicate international situation which was precipitated by the killing by a Japanese soldier in Vladivostok of Chief Engineer Langdon of the U.S.S. "Albatross" has been adjusted, says *Manila Times*. Admiral Gleaves, commanding the Asiatic Fleet, who left Manila for Shanghai aboard the destroyer "Elliott," returned aboard the same vessel without completing the journey.

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Sundry Household Furniture, etc.
Eleven Bales Paper.
Miscellaneous Goods.
Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, January 25, 1921.

(For account of the concerned)

SATURDAY,
January 29, 1921, at 10.30 a.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street,
About sixty lots of valuable
Jewellery,
Comprising:
Single stone diamond rings, brooches,
brooches, scarf pins, etc., etc.
Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

(For Account of the Concerned),

SATURDAY,
January 29, 1921, at 11 a.m.,
at their Sales Rooms,
No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner
of Ice House Street,
A few Woolen Tweed Suits
lengths superior quality in
34 yard lengths.
Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, January 24, 1921.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, Encyclopaedia Britannica in (28 Vols.) Eleventh Edition, with case.
Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, January 3, 1921.

INTIMATIONS.

CATHEDRAL MEMORIAL.

OFFICERS of the BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE, who would like to have statues erected to them in the Cathedral at the unveiling of the above Memorial on SUNDAY next, Jan. 30, at 10.30 a.m. should send in their names before WEDNESDAY, evening next, to the Chaplain, the SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hongkong, January 24, 1921.

WAR MEMORIAL.

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Kowloon Bowling Club.
Fest Club.
Club de Revoir.
Craigswater Club.

M. J. BREEN,
Hon. Secretary.
War Memorial Committee.

NOTICES.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JAMES MATHESON & CO., Ltd., on FRIDAY, 28th January, 1921, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 19th January to FRIDAY, 28th January both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JAMES MATHESON & CO., Ltd., on FRIDAY, 28th January, 1921, at 11.40 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 19th January to FRIDAY, 28th January both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JAMES MATHESON & CO., Ltd., on FRIDAY, 28th January, 1921, at 11.50 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 19th January to FRIDAY, 28th January both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JAMES MATHESON & CO., Ltd., on FRIDAY, 28th January, 1921, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 19th January to FRIDAY, 28th January both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings on FRIDAY, 4th February, 1921, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 26th January, to FRIDAY, 4th February, both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
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INTIMATIONS

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Club will be held at the CITY HALL, HONGKONG, on TUESDAY, the 1st of February, 1921, at 5.30 p.m., to consider the question of admitting Ladies as Members &/or Subscribers to the Club.

Should there be a majority of three-fourths (or approximately so) in favour of Extraordinary General Meetings will be called to pass and confirm resolutions making the necessary alterations to the Articles of Association.

By Order,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 21, 1921.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. JAMES MATHESON & CO., Ltd., on FRIDAY, February 4th, 1921, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1920.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, January 26th, 1921, to FRIDAY, February 4th, 1921, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 20, 1921.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Manxian, on MONDAY, 7th February, 1921, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 25th January, to 7th February, 1921, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

THE NATIONAL LOAN OF THE THIRD YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, (1914) \$16,000,000 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ISSUE OF \$8,000,000

AND THE NATIONAL LOAN OF THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, (1915) \$24,000,000.

On the 6th June, 1917, the undersigned notified Subscribers to the above two loans that in pursuance of arrangements made with the Chinese Government, the loan service as regards interest payments would in future be adequately secured.

In regard to the redemption of the loans it was impossible at the time to make any announcement. The Memorandum of 1916 affected the Loan Service, and although drawings have been proceeded with as funds permitted, Redemption has been irregular and behind the scheduled dates.

Arrangements have now been made which will enable annual drawings of each loan to be undertaken until their extinction; in 1924 in the case of the 4th Year Loan and 1925 in the case of the 3rd Year Loan.

The Ministry of Finance will notify in due course the date of the drawings to take place this year with date and place of repayment.

F. A. AGLEN,
Inspector General of Customs.
Inspectorate General of Customs.
PEKING, 14th January, 1921.

INTIMATIONS.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

Open Billiard Championship of the Colony.
ENTRIES for the above Championship to begin on 1st March and to close on the 26th instant to the Hon. Secretary.
Entrance Fee \$2.00.
Competitors are also requested to attend at the Club on the 26th instant at 6 p.m.

R. C. WITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

FAMINE RELIEF SURTAX.

THE Collection of this SURTAX is to begin on 1st March and be in force for one year on all duty paying merchandise landed and shipped without any exemption for goods en route as previously notified.

N. G. LAY,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District,
B.O. Inspector General of Chinese Customs.
Yick Building,
Hongkong, January 24, 1921.

S.S. "LIEN SHING"

NOTICE.

THE HULL CO-INSURANCE ASSOCIATION to whom as underwriters of the Hull of the above Steamship (now lying in about 20 fathoms near Cape Verde) has been abandoned HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that such wreck will be offered For Sale by AUCTION at 12 o'clock (noon) on the 28th day of January, 1921, by Messrs. LAMBERT BROS. at their Sales Rooms in Hongkong. Such cargo, as may remain in the wreck will be sold at the same time, the proceeds of Hull and Cargo being kept separate. Any persons or corporations having any claims in respect of the proceeds of the cargo are required to send notice thereof to Messrs. LAMBERT BROS. before the 4th day of February, 1921.

Hongkong, January 7, 1921.

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RIGHT OF PRIVACY.

LAW OF LIBEL.

HONOUR OF THE DEAD.

A Legal Correspondent writing in the Observer says:—In the last few years memoirs and autobiographies have appeared giving very disagreeable personal details as to deceased celebrities. Such passages have been hotly resented by their surviving friends and relatives, and the question whether there is or should be a legal remedy is worth discussing.

Our present law can easily be stated. The foulest libel on the dead can be published with impunity.

Some years ago a newspaper printed an obituary notice of a recently deceased local celebrity. "In honour of—, who in early life left his country for his country's good; who on his return devoted his life and energies to setting class against class, a traitor to the Crown, a reveller of the aristocracy, a hater of the clergy, a pandering to the multitude; who as the first chairman of the School Board squandered funds to which he did not contribute; who is sincerely mourned by unpaid creditors to the amount of £50,000; who at the close of a wasted and misspent life, died a pauper."

The relatives prosecuted for libel, but the judge acquitted the prisoner. He held that the libel was on the dead man only, and not on his surviving family, and that the dead "have no rights and suffer no wrongs." It had been pleaded, not unreasonably, that the notice tended to provoke a breach of the peace; but the judge's answer was that he could not find that it was written with that particular intention. The obvious motive was to injure the character of the dead man, and that was lawful. A judge has to administer the law as he finds it; but it seems reasonably plain that a law tolerating so gross an outrage as an

obituary notice of this kind is in need of amendment. Such a matter should be the subject of criminal and not civil proceedings, to be brought at the instance of surviving wife or child or other near relatives, and the offence should be the uttering of a libel on the dead, whether true or otherwise, the statement not being made in the public interest, and being made calculated to provoke a breach of the peace by its publication.

The question of a civil action is one of greater delicacy. Living persons cannot obtain damages for true statements, and if the executors of deceased persons were allowed to do so it would be a paradox requiring much explanation. To consider a test case, a statement might be made in a book of memoirs that the writer or his or her friends had observed a deceased celebrity, and had noted that he or she had exceedingly unpleasant personal habits, which were thereupon set out in detail. Something like this has happened in several recent reminiscences, and thereafter naturally may suppose that the allegations are founded on fact, though perhaps exaggerated or distorted. Should there be a remedy? The writer suggests that a distinction might first of all be made between public life or acts performed in public, and acts or habits which could only be detailed by members of the deceased's household or his servants, guests, or hosts when he was staying elsewhere than at home. Acts done *en coram populo* should not be protected, but it is worth considering whether a "right of privacy" should exist for home life both in favour of dead or living. As against domestic servants it is assuredly due already, for an injunction would lie against a butler who threatened to make public a meal-time squabble. The honourable guest would refrain from doing so. The dishonourable guest sells the privacy of the home for money, and at present is legally entitled to do so.

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DEATH.

MICKLE.—D. M. Mickle, Standard Oil Company of New York, Hongkong, died at sea on board steamer "Japan," on January 25.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26, 1921.

ROBERT BURNS.

Foolish men debate as to whether they have a soul or not. It misleads. This talk of possessing a soul as one may possess a gramophone or a wig or a grand-father clock or a bank account is most misleading. If the existence of the soul is to be admitted, it must be clearly recognized that it is the soul which possesses the man, and not the other way round. Soul possessed this great man who was born 162 years ago to-day. He was, as the saying goes, "all his virtues in his character as well as in his work, but they overlooked the light that led astray."

Was light from Heaven. For of such a character it is quite possible, and quite fair to invent a line by another poet of a quieter order, and to declare that "even his virtues leaned to falling's side." We may find the same idea in the teaching of Jesus concerning a woman who had "loved much."

They walk in their sleep. Having eyes they see not. Or, to change our metaphor, they are castaways upon an ocean of unawareness. Until they hit the shore of some island of awakened consciousness, of wonder reborn, they are not truly alive. They are sleep-walkers. They are automata. They see as in a glass, darkly. They have not penetrated the soul, but are revolving about it as a moth about a light. That is what it is to "have a soul," to awake to light, to see light, and to live in it. For Robert Burns life was exceptionally full. He was aware of everything, from the fieldmouse and the daisy to the mountains and to God. He saw all and he felt all. That is why his poetry, some of it in dialect unfamiliar, has such a universal appeal. The soul is, it seems, waiting to possess each one of us. We imagine it as eager to have us. Robert Burns calls, and we see the light as a glow that attracts us. Some of us make toward it, and miss it. It is not an occulting light; it is our own revelations that cause us to lose sight of it. Beware of supposing that his occasional coarseness indicates that the poet himself, sometimes turned his back on it. He did not because he could not. He dwelt within it. We critics dwell too much upon Old Testament notions of what is clean and what unclean, and we overlook the later and truer New Testament definition of that which defileth a man. We must not, as Whitman, another soul-inhabiting poet, has expressed it, "quarrel with the tortoise because it is not something else." Nor is it, as some critics often suggest, a case of other times other manners. Humanity may not always have soul, but eternally the soul has humanity, and it is one of the most charming of Burns that he is so very human, as well as soulful. Forget not that our Bible also has its coarseness, and all the other giants of literature, like Rabelais

and Shakespeare. Purity is not to be attained without some sedimentary deposit. If Robert Burns the man had to "quid advice but bar-kit," we should have lost Robert Burns the poet. We should have had instead, in his own words, a creature who "fed a market, or strutted in a bank." There are plenty of such. Poets of soul are few. Poets who help the race, the nascent of wonder, which "in stupor we forget," should not be advised by Mrs. Grundy nor trimmed by convention. Our weak eyes may use smoked glass against excessive sunlight, but let us not employ the glass of prudery to darken the light of soul, which forever attacks our blinded windows as the dawn we seldom see. After all, his mirth and fun so fast and furious is but a little heap beside the mound of melancholy he so beautifully expresses for those who feel it but are inarticulate. It is not only for Scottish exiles that he sings, but for all exiles, summoning visions of the beloved familiar things that crouch in the innermost recesses of remembering hearts. Were not his heart light he would die of sorrow, like a caged lark. Robert Burns having once, heaven knows with what provocation, perhaps to placate some chiding friend, praised prudent, cautious, self-control as "wisdom's root," one of his biographers alleges that the physician could not cure himself, moralizes with offensive cheerfulness that want of prudent self-control underlay most of his sufferings and calamities. This sort of talk is painful. The respectable leader of a market is unable to guess that what may seem calamities to him may be triumphs to the soul. If Burns was a failure, he must be one of the most triumphantly successful failures in the whole history of the development of soul. Unhappy, dark, fanatic, the minds that may not see this, that must measure genius by its bank balance, and soul by the cut of the coat that hides it.

Though this were fair to them and brave. And this the verdict as they know it. The sea sighs among them a "They ken na what's a poet." If Robert Burns had died in the workhouse or on the hangman's scaffold, there would be no occasion for lament so long as he left the monument he has. His nippers of booze, his amorous lapses, his (God!) that should be named in the one breath should be named as spots upon a sun. Rather are they the incidents, known to the gardener but discreetly ignored by the artist, that must attend the cultivation of roses. If the Burns garden bloom with loveliness, why harp upon the manure dug into it? It is possible to be aesthetically unjust to dung.

How glad we are to read in one of his own letters that though he made pretty good progress in mensuration and surveying, he made greater progress in the knowledge of mankind. That, for all his own compliment to prudent self-control, is wisdom's real root. In passion and in suffering the poet must learn what he teaches in song. To know himself, to know mankind, are essentials; we may, as well agree with Stevenson (since it is visible in the works of Burns also) that it may be an additional advantage to know the Shorter Catechism, or the things of thought for which that stood in Scotland. Nevertheless, some books are lies frae end to end. Even ministers, they have been kenn'd. In holy rapture, A rousing hallel at times to vend, And naill't wi' scripture. Here was humour, but not humour for the sake of it. This humour was informed with a passion for truth, and might well have been designed to work "lest they ower high and proud should turn," being so gifted. While man has "the will and power to make his fellow-mourn," humour and the passion for truth are needed to hold him in order, as an antiseptic against "luxury's contagion, weak and vile." Occasionally, as in "a man's a man," he is simple and direct and homely. The best of his sermons in rhyme is perhaps the address "to the ungod god." How fine, that verse beginning: "Think, when your castigated pulse Gies now and then a wallop, What ragings must his veins convulse. That still eternal gallop. What is done we may compute only in part; of the temptations resisted we are ignorant."

Turn we for a moment to remark the artist's betrayed in countless places in these writings. He was not bemused with philosophy, preoccupied with politics, nor entirely devoted to fun. He carried the seeing eye, the appreciative eye, for beauty in more than female form. He noted when—

The horse was hieplin down the furrows
The lark was singing in the sky
The lark was singing in the sky
The lark was singing in the sky

While hanging up clothes on the roof of a house in Saunfong yesterday afternoon, a *mui tai*, aged 11 years, missed her footing and fell into the street below. She was picked up unconscious by Mr. J. A. Strawbe and removed to the Tung Wah Hospital, where an examination showed that the child had luckily escaped serious injury and would be fit for discharge from hospital in the course of the next couple of days.

Says the *Canton Times*: The Minchi News Agency, misunderstanding the regulations of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, is complaining that Mr. Chan Lin Pak, the comrade of the bank is responsible for the non-acceptance of this institution of the banknotes of the Provincial Bank of Kwangtung. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is understood, only accepts Hongkong currency.

The Cernuschi Museum in Paris, devoted to the art of the Far East, is one of the most interesting places in Paris. It has remained closed since 1914. Now that it is open again many new places have been added. There are some fine examples of work in basalt of the Tang epoch. There are statues in iron which date from the first century. There is a remarkable collection of figures in terra-cotta exhumed from Chinese tombs which are perhaps 2,000 years old—horses, camels, dancers and women in wonderful robes.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

A NOTEWORTHY OCCASION.

Yesterday was a big day at St. Joseph's College, when the annual distribution of prizes took place. His Excellency the Governor presented the awards and prizes to the successful students. There were many parents and scholars in attendance, and the occasion was noteworthy in every respect.

The Governor was accompanied by H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B.), the Rev. D. Pozzoni (Roman Catholic Bishop), Capt. C. S. Fisher, M.C. (Aide-de-Camp to the G.O.C.), Capt. McGrath (Aide-de-Camp to the Governor), the Hon. Mr. H.E. Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. Edwin Ralphs (Inspector of Schools), and others.

The programme of the afternoon's exercises began with an entertainment given by the scholars, which was received with enthusiastic applause. A feature of the entertainment was a parliamentary debate, which was well put on and greatly appreciated. The programme follows:

1.—Overture.—Prof. Gonzales & Master A. Gay.
2.—Part Song—"Come Where the Lilies Bloom."
Masters C. Osmond, E. Vaz, P. Castilho, R. Rozario, D. Montalto and C. Silva.

3.—Cello Solo.—(Selected) Prof. Gonzales.
4.—Recitation.—Lord Byron's "Apostrophe to the Ocean."
Master Carlos Silva.

5.—Piano Duo.—(Selected) Masters M. Silva & E. Carvalho.
6.—Violin Solo—"Carnegie"—(V. Monti).
Master Francois Tristich.

7.—Dialogue.—(Parliamentary Debate—"School Discipline Bill").
Speaker—E. Carvalho.
Government: Prime Minister, M. Fishman; President of the Local Government Board, E. Castilho; Secretary to the Local Government Board, J. Muller; Education Minister, G. D'Aquino; Mr. Boucher, Hugh Lim; and Mr. Spatter, A. Muller.

Opposition: Mr. Filer, C. Osmond; D. Montalto; E. Shuster; Mr. Boucher, C. Silva; Mr. Smiler, George Fung; and Mr. Vinegar, M. Silva.
8.—Instrumental Trio:
(a) "Serenade"—(Victor Herbert).
(b) "Minnet"—(Van Beethoven).
Prof. Gonzales, F. Tristich and Rev. Father Rignault.

and continued to give in this work. Thanks were also due to the devoted Schoolmaster. Success in examinations and on the athletic field was but a small part of the work of a College. Character formation ought to be the real aim of all true education; in the struggle for prizes and scholarships it must not be lost sight of, or given a subordinate place. All could not get prizes or scholarships; in fact only a small minority could hope to do so; but every individual boy or young man had at hand the means of developing a good character and such a character will be for him the most precious equipment for his life's work. He thanked the College Association of Past Pupils for the valuable assistance they had given, and for their moral support. The College owed a special debt of thanks to the benefactors. With regard to building, the work in connection with the new class-rooms was progressing very satisfactorily; but the bill was also rising. It was hoped that further donations would help to clear it off. The scheme of development included the building and equipping of a laboratory and of commercial classes. All this work would entail further expense but as it was for the benefit of the members of the rising generation, who will soon be called upon to take their places in the work of the development of the Colony, the necessary financial aid no doubt would not be wanting. He thanked His Excellency for his kindness in coming to preside and distribute the prizes, and the visitors for their presence. Special thanks were tendered to all who had contributed to the Prize and Building Funds.

The Governor, before distributing the prizes, said he was very pleased to have the opportunity, after a year's interval, of seeing St. Joseph's again and congratulating them on another addition to their record of excellent work. One drawback to appearing at prize-givings of a College, which always did such excellent work, was that it was really impossible to say anything new. A catalogue of congratulations and praises repeated year after year must necessarily become merely a nuisance to those who heard it. So he must ask them to take as read what he said last year and what he had no doubt his predecessors had said before that. St. Joseph's was to be heartily congratulated on its success. He was glad the Reverend Brother had drawn attention to the value of character-training carried on by St. Joseph's, because he had been very glad to see the cordial response given by the School to the request for the re-birth of the Boy Scout movement. He had the honour of being Chief Scout and Patron for this Colony, and he accepted the office with pleasure, because he had seen a great deal of the Boy Scouts and was convinced that it was one of the most important instruments of character-training in the world. He was glad the School shared his view and had taken up this movement. He was glad to see the long list of successes in the Matriculation examination and hoped there would be more from St. Joseph's in the future than in the past. (Applause.)

The Governor then distributed the prizes.

The list of prize winners was as follows:
Class 8a: 1 C. Rozario, 2 J. da Rocha, 3 V. E. Bernardo, 4 L. da Silva, 5 S. Barros, 6 A. Pereira, 7 J. B. Barros and 8 S. Remedios.

Class 8b: 1 Lee Fat Shing, 2 Wong Yan Chee, 3 Ching Ling Po, 4 Ching Ling Fook, 5 Lau Pak Fan, 6 Ng Pan, 7 Tang Shing and 8 Ng Kam Cheong.

Class 7a: 1 F. A. Ozorio, 2 Kie Lin, 3 H. M. Remedios, 4 L. Xavier, 5 Lionel Silva, 6 L. R. Pereira, 7 F. Franco and 8 A. E. Gutierrez.

Class 7b: 1 Cho Nim, 2 F. Tze Min, 3 Kwok Kai, 4 Ho Luen, 5 Shi Yuen, 6 Tze Kai, 7 Wah Sing and 8 Foo Kuen.
Class 6a: 1 Robert Choa, 2 Basil Fung, 3 Quintina Fung, 4 H. Pinna, 5 A. E. Olacs, 6 C. Silva, 7 H. Noronha and 8 C. Noronha.
Class 6b: 1 Lam Shiu Wah, 2 Lam Shiu Chun, 3 Chan Kai Yin, 4 Lam Tek Seng, 5 Chan Shiu Lum, 6 Lui Wai Chow, 7 Daniel Lui and 8 Chan Ge Wing.

COMPANY REPORT.

YANGTSKEEPOO COTTON MILL LTD.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Managers of the Yangtszepoo Cotton Mill Ltd., Shanghai, have announced that the accounts for the Company's financial year terminated December 31, 1920, show a net profit of Sh. Tls. 1,473,214.68, which, with the amount brought forward from the previous year, viz.—Sh. Tls. 6,874,447, makes a total of Sh. Tls. 1,480,089.15. At a meeting of the Consulting Committee held last week, it was decided that the shareholders should be recommended to apportion this amount as follows:

To pay dividend on 5,000 Tls. preference shares at 7 per cent.	35,000.00
Interim dividend on 200,000 ordinary shares paid Aug. 12, 1920, at Tls. 1.25	250,000.00
To pay final dividend on 200,000 ordinary shares at Tls. 3.75	750,000.00
	1,000,000.00
To add to reserve fund	250,000.00
To write off plant and machinery	55,000.00
To write off buildings (Brick Tls. 10,000, Concrete Tls. 20,000)	30,000.00
To write off furniture	500.00
To add to special repairs and renewals fund	20,000.00
To pay bonus to staff at mills	35,000.00
To add to Chinese Superannuation Fund	10,000.00
To donate to war fund	10,000.00
To carry forward to new account	4,589.15
	Tls. 1,480,089.15

Among the passengers who left for Home by the P. and O. s.s. "Plassy" was Mrs. G. E. Morrison, wife of the late Dr. Morrison, the one-time celebrated *Times* correspondent and subsequently Adviser to the Chinese Government. Mrs. Morrison, who has been in Peking for months, winding up her affairs, expects to make her home permanently in London.

Mr. Justice Bray has given judgment in the King's Bench Division in the action in which the builders of an aeroplane, which started for a flight from Homslow to Australia but "crashed" at Kingston, claim under a policy of insurance with the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. The defendants admitted the policy and the accident, but they refused to pay on various grounds, the principal defences being that they had been misled about the identity of the machine which they were insuring, and had never intended to insure any machine which was taking part in a race such as the Australia flight. His Lordship decided in favour of the defendants.

Class 3b: 1 Luke Tak Yiu (Old Boys' Scholarship), 2 Chan Kai Man, 3 Marquis Woo, 4 John Tak Chiu, 5 Carlos Rodriguez and 6 Julius Holm.

Class 3c: 1 Hin Kwok (Old Boys' Scholarship), 2 Hin Sau, 3 Ying Lok, 4 Shau Ki, 5 Sik Wing, 6 Shiu Ying, 7 Kam Sing and 8 Sun Ki.

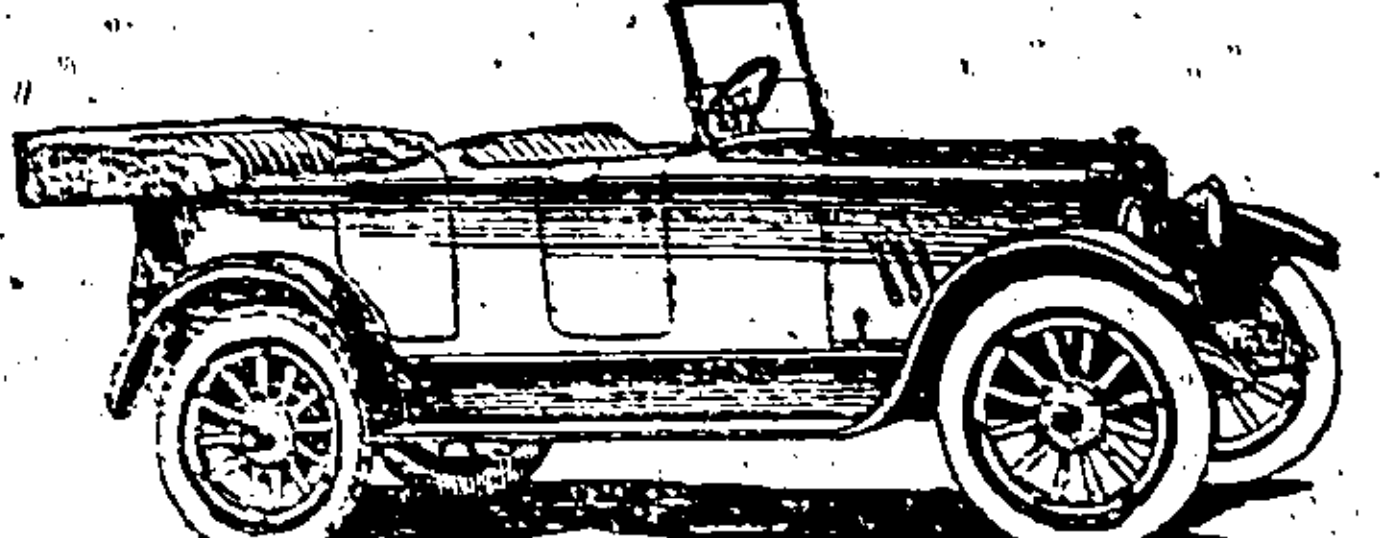
Junior Class: General Proficiency: Graham William Lawson, (Bro. Peter's Memorial Scholarship); English: 1st Stephen Concepcion (Junior Bellios Scholarship), 2nd Hugh Braga and 3rd Drab Mistry; Biblical Knowledge: 1st Hugh Braga and 2nd Carlos da Silva; Mathematics: 1st Burjor Talati, 2nd Jose Alves and 3rd Hugh Braga; English History: 1st L. Ribeiro and 2nd Hugh Braga; Geography: 1st Lee Tek Joe and 2nd L. Guan Hong; Arithmetic: 1st Hugh Braga and 2nd Jose Alves; Drawing: 1st Lee Tek Joe and 2nd Jose Alves; Book-keeping: 1st John Loi and 2nd Hassan Isbar; Short-hand: John Loi; French: 1st Francis Young and 2nd Burjor Talati; Chinese: 1st Lo Kwang and 2nd Ka Min; Portuguese: Joseph da Silva.

Senior Class: Religious Knowledge: P. V. N. Bau (Bishop Pozzoni Prize); Biblical Knowledge: Yung Kai Yip; English: S. H. Garrod (Senior Bellios Scholarship); English Literature: 1st P. N. V. Bau (Sir H. N. Mody's Gold Medal) and 2nd S. A. Rumsjah; Mathematics: 1st Yung Kai Yip and 2nd P. N. V. Bau and 2nd Mowu Ono; Chinese: 1st Yung Kai Yip (Li Shek Pang's Gold Medal) and 2nd Yee Yuen; History and Geography: 1st P. N. V. Bau and 2nd Yung Kai Yip. The Navy League (Hongkong Branch) Prize for the best essay on Nelson Day: Hugh Braga. Physical Exercise: 3rd Class 1st Carlos da Silva; 1st Class: 1st Peter Lim Uy Peh and 2nd Francis Woo; 2nd Class: 1st A. Chan Pook-2nd Arnaldo da Silva and 3rd John Tam Wing On.

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COMPANY REPORTS.

HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LTD.

The report of the Board of Directors to the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Office of the Company, on Monday, February 7, 1921, at 11 a.m., is as follows:—

Gentlemen.—The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1920.

The net profits for the year amount to \$300,569.17, which, with the amount brought forward from last year \$22,576.75 and the recommended transfer of \$50,000 from Investment Fluctuation Account, gives an amount available for division of \$373,145.92. From this amount an Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per share (\$50,000) has already been paid, leaving a balance of \$293,145.92 available for appropriation, which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share.....\$ 80,000.00

To pay a Bonus of 75 cents per share.....60,000.00

To write off book value of steamers and wharves.....40,000.00

To transfer to Equalization of Dividend Fund.....5,000.00

To transfer to Special Repairs Fund.....20,000.00

To transfer to Floating Staff Pension Fund.....62,847.79

To pay a Bonus to Office Staff.....4,074.00

To carry forward to a new Profit and Loss Account.....21,224.13

\$293,145.92

The Hon. Mr. P. Hobson Holyoak was invited to rejoin the Board in place of Mr. W. Sinclair and the appointment requires the confirmation of the Shareholders at this Meeting.

In accordance with the Articles of Association the Hon. Mr. P. Hobson Holyoak and Mr. W. E. Clarke retire from the Board by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who being eligible offer themselves for re-election as auditors for 1921.

E. V. D. PARR,
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 21, 1921.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1920.

DEBIT.	
To Amount paid for repairs to steamers, wharves and lighter	\$127,387.58
Directors' and Auditors' Fees	9,600.00
Balance available for appropriation	
Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 80,000 shares	\$ 80,000.00
Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 80,000 shares	80,000.00
Bonus of \$0.75 per share on 80,000 shares	60,000.00
Write off book values of steamers and wharves	40,000.00
Transfer to Equalization of Dividend Fund	5,000.00
Transfer to Special Repairs Fund	20,000.00
Transfer to Floating Staff Pension Fund	62,847.79
\$10,000.00 ex 3 2 3 16	4,074.00
Bonus to Office Staff	21,224.13
To be carried forward to New Account	373,145.92
	\$ 510,133.50

By Amount brought forward from last Account.....\$ 22,576.75

Net Earnings of Steamers.....343,353.47

Income from Investments.....91,103.28

Transfer Fees.....150.00

Difference between book value and amount realized by sale of lighter "Woolie" and 3 lbs of lighter "Sunlee".....2,950.00

Transfer from Investment Fluctuation Account.....50,000.00

\$ 510,133.50

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1920.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital of 80,000 Shares of \$15 each fully paid up	\$1,200,000.00
Insurance and Underwriting Account, as per last account	427,085.42
Amount added during 1920	7,940.00
Depreciation Fund, as per last account	435,025.42
Equalization of Dividend Fund, as per last account	150,000.00
Amount transferred from Profit and Loss account for 1919	79,000.00
Investment Fluctuation Account, as per last account	25,000.00
Increase 12 months to date	95,000.00
Less transferred to Profit and Loss account	\$ 38,702.31
	120,560.65
	159,262.97
Less transferred to Profit and Loss account	50,000.00
	109,262.97
Special Repairs Fund, as per last account	307.55
Amount transferred from Profit and Loss account for 1919	20,000.00
Less disbursements to date	20,000.00
	307.55
Unclaimed Dividends	2,771.95
Sundry Creditors	373,145.92
Profit and Loss Account	161,187.12
Less Interim Dividend paid August 1920	293,145.92
	\$2,446,700.93

ASSETS.

Steamers "Honam," "Henningshan," "Sui An," "Sui Tai," and "Sui Shan," as per last account

\$ 766,500.00

Less written off for 1919

\$ 24,000.00

Lighters "Sunlee" and "Woolie" as per last account

\$ 1,250.00

Less written off for 1919

\$ 500.00

Less Book value "Woolie" and 3 lbs "Sunlee" sold

\$ 750.00

Wharves and Moorings as per last account

\$ 152,750.00

Additions during 1920

\$ 50.94

\$ 153,310.94

Less written off for 1919

\$ 15,500.00

137,810.94

Properties at Canton and Kowloon, as per last account

\$ 103,021.71

Additions during 1920

\$ 56,250.00

Office Furniture, as per last account

\$ 159,271.71

\$ 1,000.00

Spare Gear and Stores

\$ 44,854.48

Interest accrued to date

\$ 2,465.13

Marine and Fire Insurance Premiums, account 1921, unexpired

\$ 10,311.50

Sundry Debtors

\$ 64,384.64

Investments at Market Value

\$ 122,015.75

Shares and Debentures in Local Companies

\$ 994,721.00

British Government Loans

\$ 176,211.85

Loans on Mortgage

\$ 1,170,932.85

Cash at Bankers

\$ 6,000.00

\$ 1,170,932.85

\$ 106,469.68

\$ 2,446,700.93

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

P. H. HOLYOAK,
JOHN JOHNSTONE,
W. E. CLARKE,
Directors.

We report that we have audited the above balance sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Company in Hongkong and the returns from the Company's Agencies. We have also verified the Securities representing the investments and in our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at December 31, 1920, according to the best of our information and explanations given us, and as shown by the Books of the Company.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

A. R. LOWE,
C. BERNARD BROWN,
Chartered Accountants.

Auditors.

Hongkong, January 21, 1921.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO. LTD.

The thirty-second report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings at 12 o'clock noon on Friday, February 4, 1921, is as follows:—

Gentlemen.—The Directors now submit to you a statement of the affairs of the Company and balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 1920.

The net profits for the year amount to \$15,612.88 which, with \$1,323.28 balance brought forward from last year gives an amount available for division of \$17,936.16.

It is proposed to pay a dividend of \$2.90 per share absorbing \$17,400.00 and to carry forward the balance \$536.16 to a new account.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. John Rodger having retired to the Colony resumed his seat on the Board, Mr. G. W. Barton retiring.

Mr. T. F. Hough having resigned on leaving the Colony, the Rev. Father L. Robert has been appointed to fill the vacancy. This appointment now requires confirmation.

Mr. J. Rodger and the Rev. Father L. Robert now retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The Accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith who now retires and offers himself for re-election.

T. E. PEARCE,
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1920.

LIABILITIES.	
Nominal Capital 6,000 Shares at \$50 per share	\$ 300,000.00
Issued Capital 6,000 Shares, at \$30.00 per share	180,000.00
Accounts Payable	1,014.69
Dividends Outstanding	1,103.20
Profit and Loss account	
Balance from 1919 account	\$ 1,323.28
Profit for 1920	16,612.88
	17,936.16
	\$ 200,053.65

ASSETS.

Cost of Property

\$ 183,752.95

Cash at call

\$ 10,000.00

Cash in Hand

\$ 508.49

Cash at Bank

\$ 3,507.96

Accounts Receivable

\$ 4,016.45

\$ 2,284.25

\$ 200,053.65

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

DEBIT.

To Charges

\$ 283.50

Advertising

\$ 96.95

Repairs

\$ 4,929.44

Fire Insurance

\$ 442.00

Crown Rent

\$ 786.00

Commission to Agents

\$ 1,733.62

Directors' Fees

\$ 500.00

Auditor's Fees

\$ 50.00

Balance

\$ 16,612.88

\$ 25,433.89

CREDIT.

By Rent

\$ 25,226.00

Interest

\$ 199.89

Scrap Fees

\$ 8.00

\$ 25,433.89

T. E. PEARCE, } Directors.
J. RODGER,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.
Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.

I report that I have audited the above balance sheet with the books and vouchers of the Company and that in my opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at December 31, 1920, according to the best of my information and the explanations given me, and as shown by the books of the Company.

I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A.,
Auditor.

Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

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MUSIC PLAYED IN U.S.A.

HEARD IN SCOTLAND.

A second wireless telephone test between U.S.A. and Scotland is stated to have confirmed the success claimed for a first experiment when tunes played on a gramophone in New Jersey are stated to have been distinctly heard in Aberdeen.

When it was first reported that a feat of this kind had been accomplished doubts were expressed in some quarters. Accordingly Mr. G. W. ages were authentic.

Benzie, of Peterculter, and Mr. George Miller, of Mile End Avenue, Aberdeen, arranged a further test with Mr. Harold Robinson of Keyport, New Jersey.

At the hour fixed, Mr. Miller found himself in direct communication with New Jersey, and says that he distinctly heard the gramophone playing the band selections, "The Moon hath raised her lamp above" and "El Capitan" March, and the song "Smile Awhile." Following this came a cheery voice "Hallo, Hallo! I hope you have heard me all right. Good-bye." Aberdeen wireless dubs were expressed in some quarters. Accordingly Mr. G. W. ages were authentic.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

WASHINGTON, January 23rd. There was some opposition in the House of Representatives to Mr. J. P. Morgan's offer of his father's house in London as the permanent home of the American Ambassador. Mr. Morgan stated that he would withdraw the offer unless accepted by 4 to 3.

U.S. PROTEST TO MEXICO.

MEXICO CITY, January 23rd. It is semi-officially stated that the United States has presented an emphatic Note to Mexico in regard to the alleged "invasion of American petroleum concessions" and requesting immediate investigation and proper adjustment of the matter.

SINN FEIN CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, January 23rd. A party of police and military were ambushed in New Birmingham, Co. Tipperary. The attackers dispersed. The military casualties were 2 killed and 6 wounded.

CHINESE FLOUR "PERIL."

LONDON, January 23rd. The Daily Express gives prominence to what it describes as a "peril" of the Chinese flour, and quotes the statement of a medical man that many of his patients are suffering from gastro-enteritis and dermatitis due to Chinese flour. Referring to the statement of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, in the House of Commons, on November 8th, that the Government was satisfied with the quality of wheat from China, the Daily Express says that Parliament was lobbied off by the denial of actual facts. Strong complaints were made that the flour abounded in weevils and maggots, and 30,000 bags were condemned as unfit for human consumption and disposed of to textile manufacturers.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.

WANTED the Lovers of SPORTS to know that the representative of Messrs. ROSE & Co., is staying in Ashai Kwan Hotel, 38, 39, Praya East. Phone No. 3429. Samples of Footballs, Tennis Rackets, etc., can be seen at any time between 1 to 6 P.M.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (for account of the concerned),

TUESDAY,

February 1, 1921, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

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Hongkong, January 23, 1921.

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BUENOS AIRES—Rodeo, Jember, Sams, Mauritius, Durban & Cape Town via Singapore.

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BOMBAY & COLOMBO—Regular fortnightly service via Singapore.

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SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Jan. 27, at 4 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	SHANGHAI	Jan. 28, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TUNGTAO	YUENKOW	Jan. 28, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & HAIPHONG	SHANGHAI	Jan. 29, at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	SHANGHAI	Feb. 1, at 9 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & FUKOW	SHANGHAI	Feb. 1, at Noon

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Hongkong, April 1, 1919.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

VESSELS DCE.

FROM HONGKONG.

Jan. 27—B. F. Agamemnon.
Jan. 31—B. F. Anchises.
Feb. 7—B. F. Knight Templar.
Feb. 28—B. F. Thetis.
Mar. 31—B. F. Kentaur.
Mar. 7—B. F. Helios.
Mar. 14—B. F. Telamon.

FROM JAPAN.

Feb. 4—P. & O. Delta.
Feb. 5—B. F. Ixion.
Feb. 11—B. F. Telamon.
Feb. 18—B. F. Japan.
Feb. 25—B. F. Raposa.
Feb. 28—B. F. Khiva.
Mar. 1—B. F. Mentor.
Mar. 11—B. F. Lyceum.
Mar. 18—B. F. Arctonope.
Mar. 25—B. F. Ixion.
Mar. 28—B. F. Proteus.
Mar. 31—B. F. Achilles.
Apr. 1—B. F. St. Albans.
Apr. 10—B. F. Nereus.
Apr. 17—B. F. Proteus.
Apr. 24—B. F. Proteus.

FROM MANILA.

Jan. 28—P. & O. Pacific Prince.
Feb. 4—B. F. Teucer.
Feb. 14—B. F. Proteus.
Mar. 2—B. F. Talibius.
Mar. 9—B. F. Tyndarus.
Apr. 30—B. F. Teucer.
May 15—B. F. Proteus.

FROM JAVA.

Jan. 30—J.C.I.L. Haiyang.
Feb. 3—J.C.I.L. Tjinalat.
Feb. 10—J.C.I.L. Tjiluwang.

FROM HONKAI.

Jan. 31—P. & O. Dumora.
Feb. 23—P. & O. Dumora.
Mar. 26—P. & O. Dumora.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Jan. 30—N. Y. K. Bombay Mail.
Feb. 4—B. L. Arctonope.

FROM MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.

Jan. 22—E. & A. Kanowna.
Feb. 12—A. O. Chas.
Feb. 19—E. & A. St. Albans.

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Feb. 4—C.P.O.S. Empress of Russia.

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"LAHORE" (Cargo)	5,400	27th Feb.	Do.
"KASHGAR"	8,000	4th Mar.	MASSILLON, LONDON & A'warp.
"DILWARA"	5,400	8th Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"ALPORA"	5,400	15th Mar.	Do.

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"TAKADA"	7,000	15th Feb.	Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta.
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"KANOWNA"	7,000	15th Feb.	Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
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FUCHI MARU (omitting Manila) ... Wednesday, 10th Feb., at 11 a.m.

TOYAMA MARU (Calling Vancouver) ... Friday, 11th Mar., at 11 a.m.

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KAGA MARU ... Friday, 11th Feb., at 11 a.m.

YOKOHAMA MARU ... Friday, 11th Feb., at 11 a.m.

KLEIST MARU ... Friday, 11th Feb., at 11 a.m.

MISHIMA MARU ... Friday, 11th Feb., at 11 a.m.

HAMBURG, AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

LIBBON MARU ... Thursday, 10th February.

LIVERPOOL & MARSEILLES via Suez.

TAMBA MARU ... Beginning of March.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

AKI MARU ... Tuesday, 15th Feb., at 11 a.m.

TANGO MARU ... Tuesday, 22nd Feb., at 11 a.m.

HIKIO MARU ... Tuesday, 15th April, at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK via Suez.

TOYOHASHI MARU ... End of February.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.

KANAGAWA MARU (Sailing from Singapore) ... Tuesday, 1st March.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.

KAWACHI MARU ... Thursday, 27th January.

TSUCHI MARU ... Monday, 14th February.

CALCUTTA & BANGKOK via Singapore & Penang.

SANUKI MARU ... Thursday, 3rd February.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

TANGO MARU ... Tuesday, 15th Feb., at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

BOMBAY MARU ... Monday, 31st January.

KIRIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 2nd Feb., at 11 a.m.

SADO MARU ... Sunday, 20th Feb., at 11 a.m.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Butler's Service to the China Mail.)

CURE FOR LEPROSY.

LONDON, January 23rd.
Sir Leonard Rogers, who has returned from Calcutta after twenty-seven years in the Indian Medical Service, has reported that he has discovered a system of treatment for destroying leprosy bacilli in human tissues. It is stated that he has got nearer to the remedy than any other British scientist.

Interviewed, Sir Leonard Rogers gave instances of the results of his system. One leper recovered his sight, another gained his sense of touch, and yet another who could not walk three hundred yards now walked ten miles. He declared that he followed up the experiments of the American leper in the Philippine Islands, who injected chaulmoogra oil. Sir Leonard Rogers subsequently obtained a soluble sodium salt of unsaturated fatty acids forming the bulk of this oil and injected it. Reactions occurred, destroying the leprosy bacilli. Sir Leonard concluded that it was not yet possible to say that he had found a permanent cure, but there were good grounds for hoping that a real cure would be obtained.

NATIONALISATION OF MINES.

LONDON, January 23rd.
The reports read at the Congress of the Miners International Federation in London showed that trade depression is universal and short time is being worked in most countries. Stocks of coal are accumulating.

The conference unanimously accepted a resolution passed by French and Belgian organisations, supported by the German organisation, calling on workers to redouble their activities in favour of the nationalisation of mines.

DUTCH AIR SERVICE.

LONDON, January 23rd.
The new Dutch air service, which begins on April 1st, will cater for passengers and goods traffic. It involves a regular service from Amsterdam and Rotterdam to Brussels, Paris and London, also from Amsterdam to Bremen and Hamburg, also from Hamburg to Copenhagen.

DISTRESS IN INDIA.

LONDON, January 23rd.
It is officially reported from India that distress is increasing in the Central Provinces and the Bombay Presidency where there are now 93,398 persons on relief work.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

NEW YORK, January 23rd.
A fire has wiped out three blocks of the business section of the town of Athens in Georgia. The loss is estimated at four million dollars. The origin of the fire is not known.

WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

NEW YORK, January 23rd.
In the world's heavy-weight wrestling championship Lewis, nicknamed "Strangler," defeated Earl Craddock in the 25th round, throwing him with a combined headlock and hip-lock. The brutality of the headlock, which is somewhat similar to the old stranglehold, incensed the spectators, and when Craddock became unconscious the cry of "Kill the Murderer" was raised and a concerted rush was made towards the ring. The Master of Ceremonies prevented the crowd from attacking Lewis.

It is announced that "Doc" Stecher, the former heavy-weight champion who was recently defeated by Lewis for the championship, is suffering from partial paralysis and will be unable to wrestle for another twelve months as a result of the headlock applied by Lewis.

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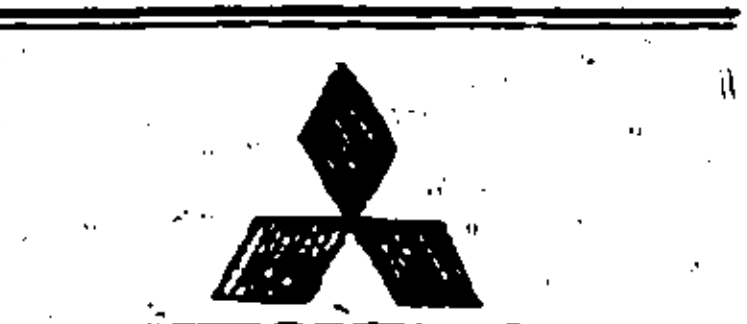
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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WELSH BY-ELECTION.

THREE CANDIDATES POSSIBLE.

LONDON, January 25.

The Cardiganshire Liberal Association has selected Mr. Llewelyn Williams by 206 votes against 127 for Mr. Evans. The latter previously declared that he would seek election whatever the Association's decision, while it is probable that a third candidate will be Sir Lewis Loveden-Pryce as Liberal anti-waste candidate.

[A London message dated January 1 stated:—The single by-election created by the Honours List promises to be exciting, as a straight fight is anticipated between a Coalition-Liberal and an Independent Liberal in a typical Welsh constituency so far represented by Mr. Vaughan Davies. It is expected that Mr. Evans, one of the Prime Minister's private secretaries, will be the Coalitionist, and he will probably be opposed by Mr. Llewelyn Williams, ex-member of Parliament for Carmarthen. Both are Welsh orators. The election may decide the fate of Welsh Liberalism, which has already split.]

TROUBLE IN INDIA.

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED.

BOMBAY, January 25.

The stock exchange and the cotton and bullion markets are closed. There is general suspension of business. Following a fight between European and Hindu boys in consequence of the former killing two pigeons feeding on the road, the police took charge of the boys but were followed by a crowd demanding the release of the Hindus, whereupon the police charged, injuring several persons. Seventeen arrests were made.

NEW ULSTER PARLIAMENT.

SIR EDWARD CARSON DECLINES UNIONIST PARTY LEADERSHIP.

LONDON, January 25.

Notwithstanding the appeals of an influential deputation of Ulster supporters, Sir Edward Carson has declined to accept the leadership of the Unionist Party in the New Ulster Parliament owing to the strain on his health but he has agreed to retain the chairmanship of the Ulster Unionists in the Imperial Parliament. Sir James Craig, M. P., will probably be invited to accept the leadership.

PACIFIC FREIGHT RATES.

AN AMERICAN ALTERATION TO MEET FOREIGN COMPETITION.

PORTLAND, OREGON, January 25.

The Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific Steamship Company announces the decision of the trans-Pacific lines to make rates between the Far East and New York, to New Orleans via the Pacific coast ports and the Panama Canal, the same as via Suez in order to meet foreign shipping competition.

FUNERAL OF LATE STRAITS ATTORNEY-GENERAL

LONDON, January 25.

The congregation at the funeral of Sir Gerald Goodman, late Attorney General of the Straits Settlements, at Bath Abbey, included Sir Edward Brockman, former Chief Secretary, F.M.S., Sir Arthur Young, former Governor of the Straits Settlements, also Mr. Elliott representing the Singapore Bar, Mr. Murray-Johnson representing the Association of British Malaya, Mr. Goodman of the Malay States Civil Service, Mr. Sydney Helps from the P.W.D. Straits Settlements, and Professor D'Albuquerque.

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TRAINING TIMES.

SOME GOOD GALLOPS.

A pleasant morning attracted quite a crowd to the Race Course to-day to see the ponies put through their paces. Some good gallops were witnessed. Most of the ponies were still kept on the sand course, as the grass course, which has already been open for galloping, is a little on the hard side at present. The Shanghai Horse Bazaar subscription griffins this year are of a much lower standard than usual, and several have been discarded in order to save stable expenses. Of the Larsen Subs. many are giving satisfaction to their owners. Especially is this the case with Repulse Bay Chief, who is sure to give a good account of himself at the meeting. Owing to the health of his trainer (Mr. Curran), Sir Paul Chater is not training his ponies in the early mornings, but is putting them through their paces later in the day. This explains the absence of any mention of the Dahlias in the times recorded below.

Following are the times taken this morning. They are given in minutes, seconds and fifths of seconds for each quarter of the distance covered by the ponies.

1 MILE.

*Alfred King, 35, 1.11.3, 1.44, last

quarter 32.2.

St. Anthony, 37, 1.13, 1.48, last

quarter 35.

Mountain King, 38.3, 1.15.3, 1.46.2,

last quarter 30.4.

*Leo Tait, 34, 1.06, 1.39.4, last

quarter 33.4.

*Evergreen and Shooting Star, 40,

1.15, 1.47.3, last quarter, 32.3.

Javelin, 38, 1.15, 1.46, last quarter,

31.

Field Child, 42.1, 1.21, 1.53.4, last

quarter 32.4.

Port's Derby, 35, 1.10.2, 1.44.1, last

quarter 30.4.

Port's Bay Derby, 35, 1.11.1, 1.44,

last quarter 32.4.

*Repulse Bay Chief, 33, 1.06.4,

1.37.1, last quarter 30.2.

Water Light and Saversnake, 38.2,

1.18, 1.50, last quarter 32.

Dolphin, 36.2, 1.15, 1.44.2, last

quarter 29.2.

Jazz King, 35, 1.12, 1.46, last quarter

34.

*Pawshop, 45, 1.25.2, 1.56.2, last

quarter 31.

Jock, 36, 1.11.3, 1.46.2, last quarter

34.4.

ONE MILE.

*Don Carlos, 42, 1.18.3, 1.55,

2.26.4, last quarter 31.4.

Harlequin, 37, 1.14, 1.46.3, 2.19,

last quarter 30.2.

*Fighting King, 33, 1.07.2, 1.43,

2.13.3, last quarter 30.3.

*Specular Mouse, 39, 1.15, 1.51,

2.22, last quarter 31.

Jogelebury Crowdy and Coat of Arms,

34.3, 1.11, 1.47, 2.20, last

quarter 33.

Taipo Chief, 37, 1.16, 1.52.3,

2.33.2, last quarter 30.4.

*Spotted Sand, 38, 1.16, 1.54, 2.25,

last quarter 31.

Invincible King, 40, 1.16, 1.51,

2.22, last quarter 31.

Don Pedro, 35, 1.10.2, 1.47, 2.19,

last quarter 32.

Siamese Cat, 40, 1.19, 1.54.3,

2.26.2, last quarter 31.4.

Spyrie, 37, 1.14.5, 1.51, 2.24, last

quarter 33.

Mountain Mist and Mountain Stream,

1.16, 1.49.3, 2.24, last

quarter 34.2.

Moorland King, 36, 1.12.1, 1.47.3,

2.20.2, last quarter 32.4.

*Ankle Deep, 35, 1.10, 1.45, 2.17,

last quarter 32.

Forest Child, 43, 1.22.1, 1.56.2,

2.26.3, last quarter 30.1.

Black Friar and Grey Friar, 41.3,

1.20, 1.58, 2.31.2, last quarter

35.2.

Mighty King, 42.1, 1.25.3, 2.07,

2.42, last quarter 35.

Sir Newton and Joy Bell, 43, 1.23.3,

2.01.2, 2.34, last quarter.

*Dandy Child and Valley Child, 35.3,

1.11.2, 1.46.2, 2.18, last quarter

31.3.

Brutus, 33, 1.07.3, 1.42, 2.12, last

quarter 30.

Aspirin, 39, 1.18, 1.56.3, 2.30, last

quarter 33.2.

*Don Pedro and Don Juan, 37.2,

1.15.2, 1.53.1, 2.26, last quarter,

32.4.

Theracelin, 36, 1.12.3, 1.50, 2.25,

last quarter 31.

1 1/2 MILES.

Hatton and Dunleagas, 42, 1.19.1,

2.00, 2.38, 3.16, last quarter

32.

Bolshevik, 44, 1.16, 1.54, 2.35,

3.08, last quarter 33.

Adventurer and Misperrinus Doleful,

37, 1.13, 1.49.2, 2.26, 2.58.2,

last quarter 32.2.

Pure Silver, 46, 1.25, 2.05, —,

3.12.3.

Twinkle Toes, 43, 1.20, 2.01, 2.40,

3.12.3, last quarter 31.3.

1 1/2 MILES.

The Renown, 46, 1.30, 2.10, 2.47,

3.27, 4.06.1, 4.38.1, last quarter

32.

* Outside grass track.

FAMINE RELIEF.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

AN INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN.

PEKING, Jan. 22.

An intensive famine fund drive throughout the country was initiated by influential Chinese and foreign leaders, including several Cabinet members, at a luncheon given by Dr. Yen, the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The campaign will be held late in February extending over one week, and it is hoped that it will be nation wide. It is strongly recommended that the campaign be carried on under the auspices of the various international famine relief societies. Tientsin delegates present at the meeting indicated that their society undoubtedly would unite in the effort. The Chief Secretary stated that President Hsu would loyally support the campaign. A strong committee of management has been appointed at Peking. The committee will co-operate with all other societies promoting the national campaign.

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

WILKIE—NEAVE.

PRETTY KOWLOON CEREMONY.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was the scene of a very pretty wedding this afternoon when the Rev. G. R. Lindsay married Mr. Percival William Aldred Wilkie of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, to Miss Lilian Neave.

The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. Thomas Neave, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., was attended by Miss Florence Neave as bridesmaid, and Misses Mary Davison and Mary Raitay as flower girls. Mr. W. R. Farmer, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, ably performed the duties of best man.

The bride looked charming in white champagne draped and trimmed with orange blossom. She wore also a long train from the shoulders, of lace bordered all round with a fold of champagne, and carried a beautiful bouquet of white chrysanthemums, Arum lilies, and maiden hair fern. A pretty dress of geranium net over white satin with hat to match was worn by the bridesmaid who carried a bouquet of sweet peas and maiden hair fern. The flower girls were prettily dressed in white net with flower waist bands and wore wreaths of flowers round their heads. They also carried dainty baskets with sweet peas and maiden hair ferns. The bride's mother wore a becoming dress of prune coloured champagne embroidered in steel, and carried a bouquet of roses.

After the church ceremony, which was rendered the more beautiful by music rendered at the organ by Mr. T. Martin, a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel at which the customary toasts were honoured by a large gathering of friends.

The honeymoon is being spent at Macao and Canton. The bride's going away dress was of heavy blue champagne with black velvet hat.

The presents, which were both numerous and valuable, included the following:—Bride to bridegroom, gold wristlet watch; bridegroom to bride, diamond and platinum brooch; bridegroom to bridesmaid, diamond and pearl ring, and bridegroom to flower girls, gold curb chain bracelets.

BOYD—SHIRES.

CATHEDRAL WEDDING.

Another pretty wedding was solemnised this afternoon when Mr. James Boyd, of the Chartered Bank, was married to Miss Mabel Shires at St. John's Cathedral by the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle.

The bride, who wore a becoming cream costume and georgette hat was given away by Mr. J. L. Crockett and had as bridesmaid Miss Alys Crockett, while the bridegroom had for best man Mr. W. J. Morrison.

After the ceremony at the Cathedral a reception was held at Charter House where friends of the happy couple assembled to honour the usual toasts.

The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay.

The Right Rev. Bishop D. Pozzoli, left to-day for Waihow on a pastoral visit and will return after the Chinese New Year.

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[China Mail Special.]

Furbush applied for a stay of execution of his sentence but was overruled.

THEATRE ROYAL.

DENNISTON PLAYERS.

"THE EYES OF YOUTH."

One thing was conspicuous at the performance last night of "The Eyes of Youth" at the Theatre Royal by the Denniston Players—and this was that the audience liked it so well that it stayed behind at the end of the show to give Miss Wanda Howard and the others of the company a generous number of curtain calls. And Hongkong audiences seldom do that. Usually they are hurrying down the stairs and out the door about thirty seconds after the curtain starts to fall, headed for home.

But Miss Howard and the other excellent members of the company deserved it. And above all, the play deserved it. "The Eyes of Youth" is a good play. It shows the employment of brains in its construction, and that is something, these days. It requires a large cast and frequent changes of scenery, and is altogether a heavy undertaking for a travelling company. All the more credit to the Denniston Players for shouldering the task.

The story has to do with the affairs of Gima Ashling, played by Miss Howard, at a time when she is confronted with the momentous problem of deciding what her future shall be. Her father had been unfortunate in business before his death, and the family income is dwindling. She is the possessor of a remarkable voice; she has also three suitors, each of whom is

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pressing her to accept him. An operatic manager offers to take her to Paris, and promises her a successful career. One of the suitors pleads that it is her duty to stay at home and look after her younger brother and sister; the second suitor, who is a wealthy and in a position to give her every luxury; the third can give her only his devotion. While attempting to decide which of the four offers she shall accept, and finding it a difficult problem, an Indian Yogi appears and enables her, by gazing into a crystal in his possession, to look forward five years. She has three glimpses into the future. Each of those is played out on the stage.

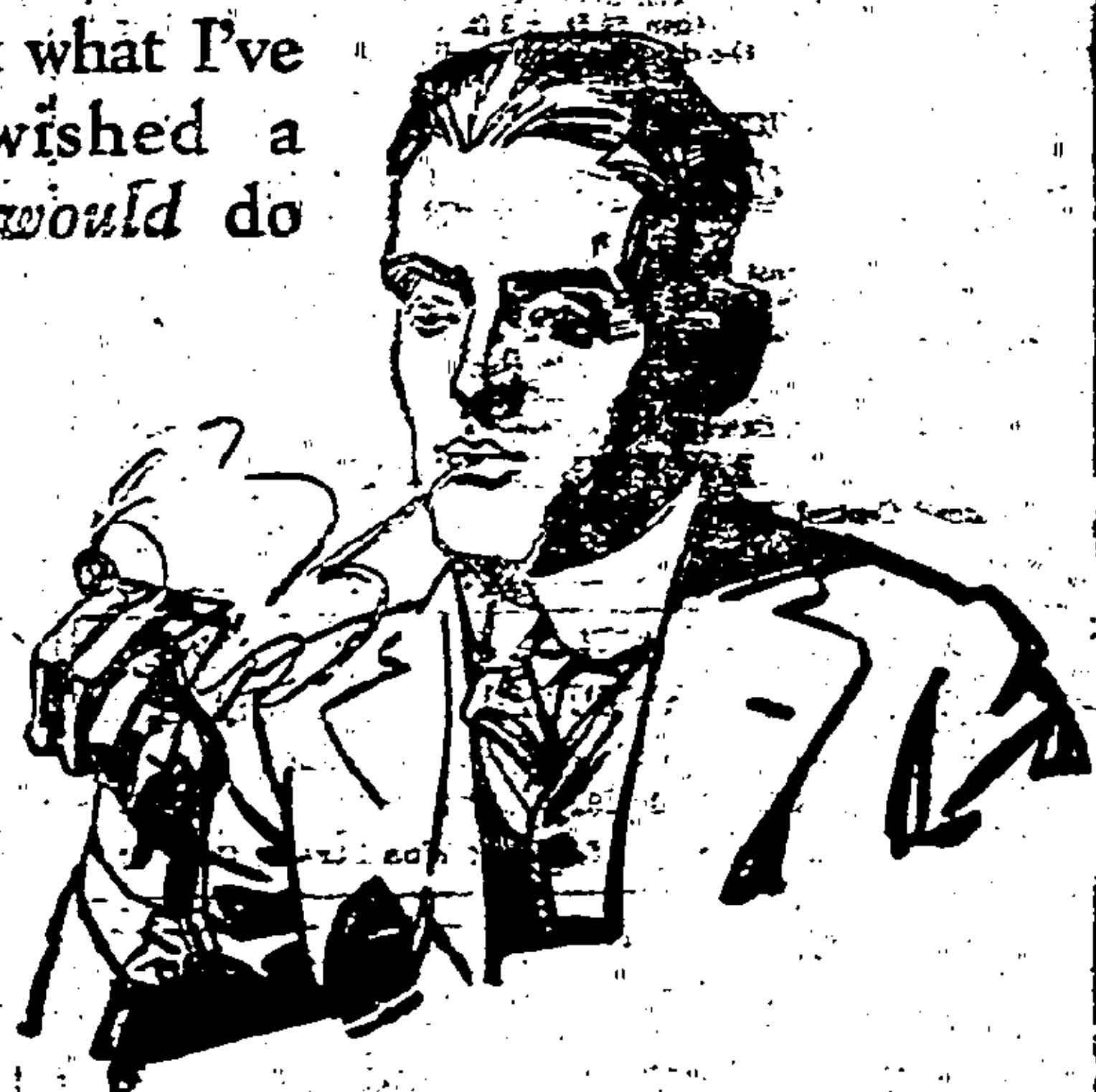
She sees herself as she would be if she follows the advice of the suitor who urges her to remain at home and follow the path of duty, as he conceives it—a tired, unhappy school teacher, bereft of her voice and her beauty, and forsaken by her lover for her younger sister. She sees herself also as she would be if she accepted the offer of an operatic career—deceived by the smooth promises of the impresario and led into a sordid, dissolute life, which terminates in the shooting of her betrayer by her young brother. Finally, she sees herself as she would be if she married the man of wealth, dragged into the divorce

court and branded as an immoral woman, through the medium of a framed-up story, when he becomes tired of her. And she sees herself also, a poor, broken victim of the drug habit as a result—rescued, at the moment when life is darkest by the one honest suitor who had only love to give. It is not hard then for her to come to a decision, to dismiss the operatic manager, the suitor who grated of duty, the suitor who offered her wealth—and to choose the man who had promised her only his love and loyalty.

Miss Howard, in the big part, showed a remarkable versatility, and convincing dramatic powers, at times reaching splendid heights. In particular, her scene as the opera singer, in her dressing room at the opera in Paris, was given with a gripping intensity that was notable. This scene also made heavy demands on Mr. David Belbridge, who played the part of her brother, Kenneth Ashling—demands which he met most adequately. Mr. W. D. Howard as the Indian Yogi was another who scored in his part. His excellent delivery and expressive voice added much to the play. The other members of the company were consistently good.

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

WAR IN IRELAND.

GENERAL STRICKLAND DEFENDS OFFICIAL REPRISALS.

DEPLORABLE BUT SALUTARY.

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY ORGANISATION BEING BROKEN UP.

LONDON, January 25.

General Strickland, interviewed in Cork, defended official reprisals. He admitted they were deplorable and were disliked by soldiers but their effects were salutary. He said that houses were only destroyed when the occupants were known to sympathise with the organisers of ambushes or refused information. He believed that reprisals strengthened the hands of people unwilling to participate in but helpless to prevent ambushes. He expressed the opinion that the organisation of the Irish Republican Army was being broken up, its communications smashed, and local bodies dealt with in detail. As evidence of that he pointed out that nothing had been accomplished by recent attacks on barracks, the assailants having always been easily repulsed. He concluded by declaring that courts martial were absolutely fair. A special corps of trained court martial officers was being established.

HOW DE VALERA RETURNED.

PHILADELPHIA, January 26.

The actual method of De Valera's return from America is probably explained by a story in the newspapers declaring that the captain of a cargo boat just returned from England identified De Valera's photo as that of a stoker on the last voyage to England who deserted on December 10 while the ship was in harbour at London.

STERLING ADVANCES.

REACHES HIGHEST RATE FOR SIX MONTHS.

NEW YORK, January 25.

Sterling reached \$3.82½, the highest for six months.

NAVAL HOLIDAY QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, January 25.

The Senate has adopted the resolution introduced by Senator Borah asking the Senate naval committee for information whether it is advisable or feasible to suspend American naval building for six months.

COLONIAL OFFICE CHANGE.

PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED.

LONDON, January 25.

Reuter learns that Lord Milner and Mr. Winston Churchill today informally discussed preliminary arrangements in consequence of the latter's impending appointment as Colonial Secretary. The formal handing over of the seals of office, which will be attended with some ceremony, necessitates the presence of the King. Lord Milner will relinquish, as soon as His Majesty's attendance can be secured. It is understood that Lord Milner intends going abroad as soon as possible. The War Office to-day did not confirm Mr. Churchill's reported visit to Mesopotamia and says that he is not likely to formulate plans until his appointment has received royal assent.

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CRIMINAL SESSION.

CARGO PILFERING.

HOLTS WHARF CASE.

Trial of the defendants in the Holts Wharf Cargo Pilfering case began this morning at the January Criminal Session, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Gompertz. The defendants are Ma Yun Lun, Lai Lai, and Li Ming. The case of the first named was heard, and he was sentenced to three years. Trial of the other two defendants was postponed until to-morrow morning. Defendant was charged on three counts: larceny, in that about December 28, last year, he stole four cases of piece goods and three bales of blankets, the property of the Ocean Steamship Co., Ltd., larceny from a wharf; and falsification of accounts, in that he altered or concurred in altering certain material particulars in a check-book of cargo on board the steamer "Rhesus," to make it appear that the cases of piece goods and bales of blankets had not been landed from the "Rhesus." Mr. Wakeman, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted; the Hon. Mr. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. Hall, appeared for the defendant. When the charges were read to the defendant, he pleaded not guilty to all three counts. A jury was selected. Mr. Alabaster explained that it was his understanding the defendant intended to plead guilty to the first count, that he evidently had not comprehended what had been read to him. His Lordship directed that the defendant be asked what was his intention. The defendant then said he would plead guilty to the first count. The Crown accepted the plea. The defendant, in a brief statement, said that Lai had come into the godown and asked him to do what he suggested. Mr. Alabaster, in his behalf, addressed the Court. He said defendant was a mere boy. He had been at work in the godown only a few months, therefore he was the sort of boy who would be the prey of others. He had made a clean breast of the matter from the first. He asked his Lordship to take into consideration

that defendant was young, that he pleaded guilty, and had admitted his guilt from the first. He therefore asked his Lordship to deal with him as leniently as possible. Mr. Wakeman said defendant was entrusted with the check-book and in a position of great trust and responsibility. As his Lordship was aware, there had been a good deal of cargo pilfering, and it was necessary to put a stop to it. His Lordship: Defendant had an important function, in charge of goods. Up to the present time the Chinese who performed these functions have been, in almost every case, very honest and very trustworthy. The maximum penalty provided by the ordinance is only three years. I don't see my way clear to pass a less penalty than three years. Owing to the absence of Counsel for the other defendants, the case against them was adjourned until to-morrow.

EASY MONEY.

AND HARD LABOUR.

CONFIDENCE MAN SENTENCED.

Greed made an apprentice accountant to a grocery shop an easy victim to a confidence man whom he met near the old Harbour Office on January 11 while on his way to pay an account for \$216 for his master. Promised \$100 for his trouble, the youth readily agreed to change a roll of notes, supposed to amount to over \$1,000, which the man said he had picked up. In exchange for the notes, which were seemingly placed in an envelope and wrapped up in a handkerchief, the youth handed the man his master's \$216 to hold as security until he returned from the money-changer with the desired change. At the money-changer's the envelope was found to contain the usual worthless paper. Yesterday afternoon, happening to meet the trickster when coming out of a tea house, the youth gave chase and had him arrested by a Chinese constable. After hearing the evidence this morning, including the testimony of Inspector Moore who stated that two envelopes containing waste paper were found on the accused's person when he was searched, the Magistrate passed sentence of six months' hard labour. The accused had a previous conviction for a similar offence seven years ago.

COOLIE TRAFFIC.

LOCAL SLAVE TRAFFIC
DENIED.

INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

We do not happen to know the conditions in which Chinese coolie labour works in Sumatra, but from what we have seen personally of the rubber and coffee plantations there, we have no reason to think that a coolie going there from China is necessarily exchanging his lot for a worse one. Nor are we acquainted with all the reasons that moved the Canton government, according to the Canton Times, to impose such conditions on the recruiting of labour that the Deli Planters Association has felt obliged to remove its China headquarters from Swatow to Hongkong. It was certain that in this commonplace looking incident we could find no excuse for our Canton contemporary's hectic headline, "Will Slave Trade be Allowed in Hongkong?" To ascertain what it was all about, we interviewed Mr. M. Van Iken, the head of the immigration department of the Vereeniging named, who is at the Hongkong Hotel.

He said that there was absolutely no basis for any suggestion that the employment of coolie labour in Sumatra amounted to slave trade, and went on to explain the conditions under which such labour is engaged.

The Deli Planters Association, he said, is an association of tobacco growers, representing 84 estates, all of them in Deli, on the East Coast of Sumatra. Until recently it included a large British firm, the United Lankat Plantation Company. This firm has been sold to a Dutch Company. Labour is obtained from Java and South China. About 10,000 to 12,000 workers a year come from South China.

Since 1888, the office of the association for recruiting labour in South China has been situated in Swatow, and until the war was in charge of German agents. With the coming of the war, the association took over the task itself. Within the last few years the Canton authorities have been trying to impose various restrictions on the association which it refused to accept. For one thing, they wanted the association to prohibit gambling in Sumatra. The association took the position that the Canton authorities had no more right to try to enforce a prohibition of gambling in Sumatra than in Hongkong. They tried also to impose their own system of labour inspection on the plantations in Sumatra. The association held it was sufficient that the plantations were under the labour inspection of the Dutch Government, which was more severe than Chinese inspection was likely to be. The Canton authorities therefore said they would direct the Swatow authorities to halt the operations of the association. The upshot of the controversy was that the association moved its Swatow office to Hongkong.

Mr. Van Iken said that full information concerning the association and the conditions of labour on the plantations had been laid before the Secretary for Chinese Affairs of the Colony, who certainly would not give his consent to the traffic if he had not been satisfied that it was conducted in a proper way. In Sumatra, the coolies are under the direct inspection of the labour department of the Dutch Government. Free treatment is provided for any who are ill. The term of work for which they are engaged is for the raising of one crop. On arrival they are given ground and seedlings. They plant, cultivate, and harvest the crop, being paid for every thousand plants. From the time they arrive until the crop is harvested is less than a year, unless they happen to arrive after all the land is allotted, in which case they have to wait a few months until land is available. It is made compulsory by the Dutch Government that the coolies shall be returned home when the crop is completed, unless they prefer to stay.

"It is our interest to pay the coolies well and make them feel at home," said Mr. Van Iken. "They then go back to their villages and bring their friends and relatives. We pay the expenses of bringing their families. We find also that the better we pay, the better the class of workers we get. It is impossible for the coolies to be stopped from going by the Canton authorities, because the coolies themselves want to go, and come here for that purpose. All the coolies shipped from Hongkong are passed by the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs." The coolies on the plantations manage to save a good deal of money out of their wages, according to Mr. Van Iken. The association encourages them, by remitting their money to their homes at a cheap rate. Since 1888, he said, they had remitted to their homes 6,417,364.76 guilders. This was by no means all they had saved, as they took most of it home with them in their pockets.

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LAWN TENNIS.

YESTERDAY'S ASSOCIATION MEETING.

In the Hongkong Cricket Club pavilion yesterday afternoon, the first annual general meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. H. A. Nisbet. The meeting was well attended by the representatives of the various affiliated clubs.

The rules of the Association and the balance sheet were unanimously passed by the meeting, the latter showing a balance of \$205.05. The officers of the Association, who served last year, were re-elected for another year.

In connection with the Tennis League it was announced that the League would in future be controlled by the Association. Reference was made to the present rule which debarred a man, who had played twice for the "A" Division, from entering "B" Division.

Mr. Penman thought the rule was too strict. Dr. Woodman said the object of the rule was to prevent Clubs from "padding" "B" Division with a view to winning the shield.

After further discussion it was decided to defer the question until the next meeting. The Chairman announced that an invitation would be extended to the members of the Davis Cup Team to play in Hongkong. This team has been playing in Australia and are returning to America by way of the Far East. They will play at Shanghai, Singapore and Manila en route.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

Playing at the Palace Hotel last night, Sergt. Allen (100) beat J. Griffin (50) 250-189. The best breaks were—Allen, 27, 23, 18, 17, 15; Griffin, 27, 20.
J. H. Tait (150) beat J. Medina (150) 250-185. Best breaks—Tait, 34, 26, 26, 20, 16; Medina, 28, 19, 17, 15.

One case of cerebro spinal fever, Chinese, was reported yesterday.

Lady Ho Tung is to present the prizes at the St. Francis' School prize distribution.

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On a small island in the West River, close to Samshui, a tiger killed a woman on Wednesday last. Of five Chinese soldiers sent to shoot the animal three were badly mauled. When eventually killed the tiger was found to weigh two piculs, that is about 266 lbs. It is surmised that the animal came down from the hills in search of food.